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Location: 2101 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, District of Columbia.

Significance: This fanciful building is associated with two of the most important architects of apartment buildings between the wars. George T. Santmyers was the architect of record, but the design is attributed to Joseph Abel, who was then working in his office.

Description: This eight-story building, faced with tan brick and cast stone trim, is enlivened by exotic ornament at the top two stories and by towers and projections. The sixty-four-unit building totalling 514 rooms measures 264' x 127'.

History: This apartment building was constructed in 1927-28 for owner/builder Harry M. Bralove. The architect Joseph Abel, working in the office of George T. Santmyers. The estimated cost of construction was \$1,000,000. (D.C. Building Permit #3831, November 3, 1927.)

Sources: Apartment Building Survey conducted by Traceries, 1986.

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